



COMMERCIAL HUNTING CLUB LAWS

This document is designed to provide essential information about commercial hunting clubs. It **does not** provide complete coverage of all commercial hunting clubs laws and regulations.

Although this document contains excerpts from the Fish and Game Code, it is the licensee's responsibility to know and obey **all** laws and regulations in effect while operating as a commercial hunting club. Changes to code may occur at any time during the year.

Any discrepancies between this document and the codes(s) from which it was prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official code(s) in effect on the date the activity takes place.

Fish and Game Code Excerpts

§3240.5. License Requirements for Commercial Hunting Club

(a) As used in this article, "property" means a number of contiguous legal parcels held by an owner or a combination of owners and held out for a common purpose.

(b) A person, including, but not limited to, a renter or lessee, in possession or control of property on or with respect to which a fee for the privilege of taking birds or mammals is imposed or collected, or on or with respect to which a fee for any type of entry or use permit that includes the privilege of taking birds or mammals on the property is imposed or collected, is maintaining a commercial hunting club if birds or mammals are taken on the property, and shall procure a "commercial hunting club license" before birds or mammals are taken.

(c) This article does not apply if the property meets any of the following conditions:

(1) The landowner, or the renter or lessee, of the property receives less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per entrant and receives less than a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) between July 1 and the following June 30 for permission, entry access, or use fees that include the privilege of hunting on the property in his or her possession or control. The department may adjust the threshold amounts established in this paragraph pursuant to Section 713.

(2) The property is used by a hunting club or program licensed under regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(3) The property is used for an officially sanctioned field trial event pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(4) The property is used in conjunction with the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) program under Article 3 (commencing with Section 1570) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.

(5) A domesticated game bird hunting club licensed under Article 3 (commencing with Section 3270) operates on the property.

(6) A domesticated migratory game bird shooting area licensed under Article 4 (commencing with Section 3300) operates on the property.

(7) The property is used in conjunction with the private wildlife habitat enhancement and management program under Article 5 (commencing with Section 3400).

(8) The property is subject to a recorded state, federal, or nonprofit wildlife conservation or agricultural easement or any property enrolled in a habitat protection or enhancement program under this code, including, but not limited to, Article 7 (commencing with Section 3460).

(d) This article does not apply to a landowner who rents or leases his or her property to the commercial hunting club and is not involved in the operation of the club, if the club is licensed in accordance with this article.

§3241. Application Requirements

(a) An application for a commercial hunting club license shall be submitted on a form furnished by the department. The application, which shall set forth all of the exemptions and conditions established in Section 3240.5, shall require the applicant to include all of the following information:

- (1) The name of the club and the ownership.
- (2) The business telephone number and mailing address of the club.
- (3) The number of properties used by the club and the physical location of each property.
- (4) The total acreage of the club property.
- (5) A list of all species of game hunted on the club property.
- (6) Information as to whether the club owner owns any of the properties used by the club.
- (7) The name and address of each property owner, if the property owner is substantially involved in the operation of the club, but does not own the club.
- (8) The signature and title of the applicant.
- (9) Any other information the department may require.

(b) The department shall allow a commercial hunting club that leases or rents more than one property for hunting purposes to submit a single application listing each of the properties for which the club is seeking a license, if all of the information required for each property is submitted in a format approved by the department.

§3242. License Fees for Commercial Hunting Club

(a) The department may issue a commercial hunting club license to any person upon submission of a completed application and payment of the required fee, according to the number of properties used by the club, as follows:

- (1) The fee for one property shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (2) The fee for two to five properties shall be five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (3) The fee for six to 10 properties shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (4) The fee for 11 or more properties shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(b) The fees specified in this section are applicable to the 2010 license year, and shall be adjusted annually thereafter pursuant to Section 713.

§3243.5. License Transfer Conditions

The commission may transfer a license to land owned or controlled by the licensee, other than that land specified in the original application, located in the same county as the original land, without any additional fee, if it finds the new land is suitable for the purposes of the license and such a transfer is not in conflict with the public interest.

§3245. License Term - 1 year from July 1st

Commercial hunting club licenses are valid for a term of one year from July 1st, or, if issued after the beginning of such term, for the remainder thereof.

A license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to maintain a hunting club in accordance with the provisions of this code and such regulations as the commission may prescribe.

§3246. License Revocation

Any license issued under this article may be revoked by the commission at one of the commission's regularly scheduled meetings, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, upon the licensee's conviction of a violation of this code, and no new license may be issued to the licensee during the same license year.